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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN DRM (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR):  
MONIMA OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN

REF: ANTANANANARIVO 1145 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY. IT DOES NOT APPEAR AT THIS TIME THAT THE OPPOSITION CAMPAIGN BEGUN BY MONIMA IS OBTAINING MANY ADHERENTS NOR THAT IT WILL SERVE AS CATALYST FOR WIDESPREAD ACTIVITY AGAINST THE PRESENT REGIME OF PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO EYEWITNESS, ATTEMPT BY MONIMA STUDENT LEADERS TO HAVE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE MORNING OF JUNE 22 FIZZLED, AND ONLY A MINORITY TOOK PART IN SCHEDULED MASS MEETING AND MARCH DOWNTOWN. CLASSES HAVE NOT BEEN MEETING SINCE MONDAY, HOWEVER, DUE TO DISRUPTION BY OPPOSITION ACTIVISTS. MADAGASCAR MATIN OF JUNE 24 REPORTS SPECIAL POLL MADE OF STUDENTS ON SUBJECT, NOTING THAT ALTHOUGH MANY HAVE GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY, THEY DO NOT WANT TO HAVE THESE MIXED UP WITH MONIMA-LED OPPOSITION TO REGIME.  
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3. SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE GENERALLY NOT HEEDED MONIMA'S APPEAL TO GO ON STRIKE, ALTHOUGH SOME INCREASED ABSENTEEISM IS NOTICED. A GREATER DISRUPTION OF SCHOOL SYSTEM THESE DAYS IS THE ABSENCE FROM CLASSES OF STUDENTS REHEARSING FOR NATIONAL DAY CEREMONIES AND OF MANY FRENCH TEACHERS AWAY FOR THEIR SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

4. WE HAVE NO HARD INFORMATION ON RESPONSE OF WORKERS TO MONIMA'S CALL FOR STRIKES. THERE ARE RUMORS OF ATTEMPTS TO FOMENT SUCH STRIKES, BUT NO SIGNIFICANT WORK STOPPAGES HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION. THERE ARE ALSO RUMORS OF OTHER POSSIBLE STRIKES, UNCONNECTED WITH MONIMA, WHICH WE WILL REPORT IF THEY MATERIALIZE.

5. NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF MONIMA FROM NATIONAL FRONT AND OF MONIMA MEMBERS FROM GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY COMMUNICATED BY MONIMA TO PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19, IN WRITING. HOWEVER, MINISTER OF LABOR AND CIVIL SERVICE RANDRANTO HAS TOLD PRESS HE WILL STAY ON HIS JOB UNTIL GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE EXPECTED AFTER ELECTIONS, AS HE DOES NOT AGREE WITH ACTION TAKEN BY MONIMA LEADERSHIP ALTHOUGH STILL BELIEVING IN MONIMA PHILOSOPHY.

6. SINCE REFTTEL WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT SPEAKERS AT SATURDAY MEETING APPEALED TO MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES AND GENDARMERIE TO JOIN MONIMA IN OPPOSITION TO REGIME AND PAMPHLETS TO THAT EFFECT WERE CIRCULATED. SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORT OF ANY RESPONSE OR EFFECT ON THE MILITARY.

7. MEANWHILE, GOVERNMENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN GOES ON FULL BLAST WITH MINISTER TOURING PRINCIPAL CITIES TO URGE  
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LARGE TURNOUT FOR SINGLE LIST AND MANY INFORMATION MEETINGS BEING HELD IN CAPITAL TO EXPLAIN NEW SYSTEM OF DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM.

8. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ALTHOUGH PRESENT REGIME DOES NOT GENERATE ANY GREAT ENTHUSIASM, MALAGASIES ARE PROBABLY WEARY OF UNSETTLED POLITICAL SITUATION WHICH BEGAN IN 1972 AND ARE WILLING TO LET RATSIRAKA GO AHEAD AND ESTABLISH THE NEW GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES WITHOUT ANY INTERRUPTION. MONIMA'S RESTRICTED GEOGRAPHIC AND ETHNIC BASE AND FAR LEFT DOCTRINAL POSITION ALSO ARE NOT CALCULATED TO ATTRACT WIDESPREAD COOPERATION IN CAPITAL REGION OR FROM CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE MILITARY. BARRETT

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